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SUBJ: ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY
MINISTER ION CEAUSESCU TO VISIT U.S. MAY 6-29

REF: BUCHAREST 1845

MISSION RECOMMENDS INFO CONTAINED REFTTEL, REPEATED BELOW,
BE USED TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE MEDIA COVERAGE:

"1. DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ION CEAUSESCU, BROTHER OF
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, WILL HEAD A ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL DELE-
GATION DEPARTING MAY 6 FOR THE UNITED STATES. THE GROUP HAS
AN AMBITIOUS ITINERARY THAT TAKES THEM TO WASHINGTON STATE,
OREGON, CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, IOWA, CHICAGO, WASHINGTON, AND
NEW YORK CITY. THEY LEAVE THE U.S. MAY 29 FROM NEW YORK.

"2. ION CEAUSESCU WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, MARIA ELENA.
OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE:
GHEORGHE MANCIU - SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE FOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION,
NICODIM DAIAN - DIRECTOR, EXPORT/IMPORT, FOREIGN RELATIONS,
AND COOPERATION, AND
ALEXANDRU VOLKOV - DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD
INDUSTRIES AND WATER MANAGEMENT, TULCEA JUDET.

"3. ACCORDING TO THE ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THE
PRIMARY THRUST OF THE MISSION IS ON AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.
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THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE STAUFFER RESEARCH CENTER IN MOUNTAIN

VIEW, CALIFORNIA AND THE AMCHEM RESEARCH CENTER NEAR DES MOINES, IOWA, IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF FARM VISITS IN WASHINGTON STATE, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA. OCTAVIAN ICHIM, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE REP AT THE ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK (TELEPHONE 212 - LEXINGTON 2-4077), IS COORDINATING THE U.S. ITINERARY AND SHOULD BE CONSULTED REGARDING THE FINAL SCHEDULE. ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS, THE GROUP WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 23-24.

"4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM STATE AND POSSIBLY OTHER AGENCIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CEAUSESCU'S TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON. MINAG OFFICIALS ALSO INFORMED US OF CEAUSESCU'S INTEREST IN VISITING US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. IN VIEW OF INCREASING ACTIVITY IN OUR AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN US EXPORTS TO ROMANIA, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT COORDINATE THROUGH ROMANIAN EMBASSY OR COMMERCIAL OFFICE A VISIT FOR CEAUSESCU AT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS WELL AS WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS".
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